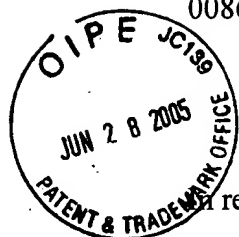


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users), either the ability to photocopy and correct documents or the ability to photocopy alone (see line 71). This technology apparently allows a flexible assignment of security levels to multiple users for their print jobs.

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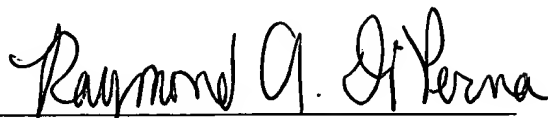
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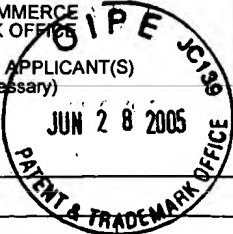
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